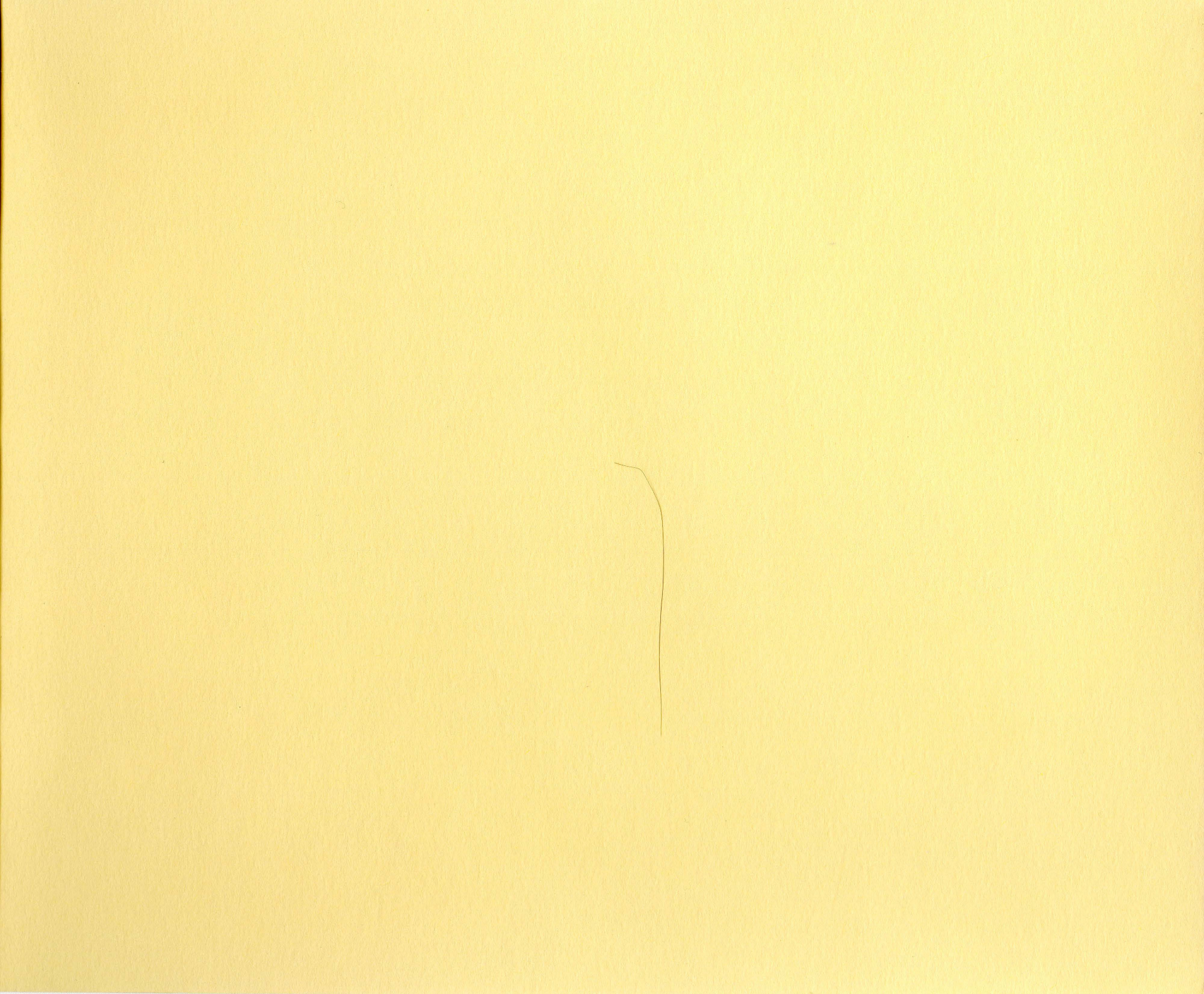


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W U N N U M I N

by the  
children of the

WUNNUMIN INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

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## FOREWORD

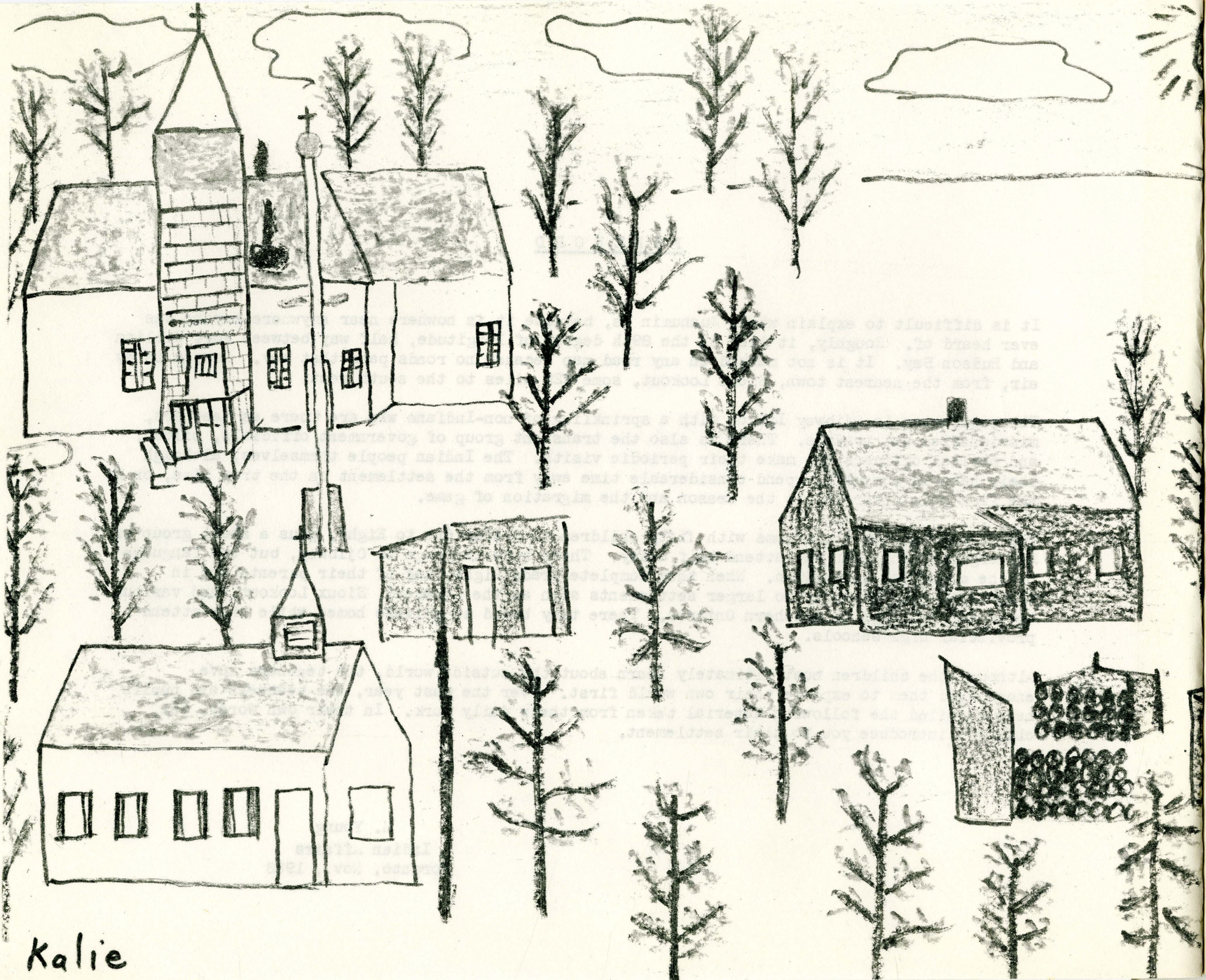
It is difficult to explain where Wunnumin is, because it is nowhere near anywhere anyone has ever heard of. Roughly, it lies on the 89th degree of longitude, half way between Fort William and Hudson Bay. It is not marked on any road map because no roads pass that way. Access is by air, from the nearest town, Sioux Lookout, some 225 miles to the south west.

The population is Ojibway Indian with a sprinkling of non-Indians who are there as teachers, missionaries and traders. There is also the transient group of government officials, pilots, and medical officers who make their periodic visits. The Indian people themselves, although their base is Wunnumin, spend considerable time away from the settlement on the trap line, or at the fish camp according to the season and the migration of game.

The school has two classrooms with fifty children in Grades One to Eight, plus a small group of Kindergarten children who attend half a day. Their home language is Ojibway, but the language of the classroom is English. When they complete Grade Eight, and if their parents are in agreement, they transfer to larger settlements such as the Lakehead, Sioux Lookout, and various towns and villages in southern Ontario. There they board in private homes while they attend provincial high schools.

Although the children must ultimately learn about the outside world, the teachers have encouraged them to explore their own world first. Over the past year, the teachers and pupils have compiled the following material taken from their daily work. In their own words, the children introduce you to their settlement.

M. Young  
Indian Affairs  
Toronto, Nov., 1968



Kalie

## SPRING IS COMING

Spring is coming now. The people don't not go to trapping. The children are not sliding down the hill. It getting warmer. The snow is melt. We had rain too. The ice is break up. Some geese are coming. The flowers are grow. We don't have to wear ski jacket and boots. Some animals is coming too.

- Katie Beardy

It's getting to spring. It's not spring yet. The ice is getting to break. It's not break yet. I don't know when it is spring come, or May or June or July. When spring is come we are going to be hot. We go trapping. We go swimming too. Every day it is warm and sunny. Sometimes it is rain and winded.

- Victoria Sturgeon

Spring is coming; the sun is shining. The snow is getting melt. The water is all around the school. We like spring because we see all kinds of birds coming up north. We see ducks, geeses and goose up in the sky. We like the way they fly. We hear them making all kinds of noise at night. We like flowers start growing and birds start singing and leaves change colours. We like spring best of all.

- Elda Beardy

Spring is coming; the snow is melt. There is lots water in ground. The bird is coming back. Spring is coming ready for a summer. Spring is coming; it is be a nice day. All children are happy when spring is coming. I can see ground.

- Zacharias

Mamakeva



When comes the springtime, some birds to fly to North. When the springtime they come all bird to fly anywhere. When the springtime, the people go to trapping to killed the beavers and mink. Some people they are to trapped the animals to killed some to eat. They are many people going to trap the some animals to kill. Some the men to trap the animals to kill the mink and beaver. They are many to fishing to caught the fish some to eat.

- Simon

The spring is coming; the snow is melt. Some day the ice broken up to see water swimming on the lake. The storekeeper play waterskis in the springtime. The geese is come in the spring. Some geese shot down the sky to kill to be eat. The geese and the duck fly in the sky and some people kill the duck.

- Luke MacKay

We like to see a spring time and the tree were grow up and leaves. The ice were freeze on the lake and they were change the ice to lake. Today the sun shiny; the snow were freeze up and the goose and kinds of ducks were come. In spring when the ice go, some of ravens were come. In spring time they are fly around the village to eat some thing. The geese were come and fly maybe this month or next month. The men were shoot the geese and the ducks. Some of the goose were killed when they fly around. My father shoot the goose and the duck. The gun say "Bang" and "Bang". My father killing some thing when he see the kind of ducks and goose.

- Annie Gliddy

In the springtime some of the birds are coming. I saw a raven and sea gull. I like when it's break-up to shot ducks and loons. Soon the wild geese will fly to the North. Last spring I was trapping and I was sitting in the bush with the gun. My grandfather was going over where he saw the geese swimming and I hear the shot. Soon I hear the goose is coming into where I am sitting. It was so close. I wasn't put bullet on it. Then I didn't get shot goose.

Soon we use the canoes for shooting the ducks and loons. We just live in the tent. It so windy and soon the ice was break. I was sleeping at night and in midnight I was a little wake up and I hear the owl. In the morning I was wake up and I starting to make a fire and I saw the ducks and loons are swimming in the lake. Then we go for canoe ride to go see the traps what can caught. I go to see my traps and I saw the muskrat lying down under the water.

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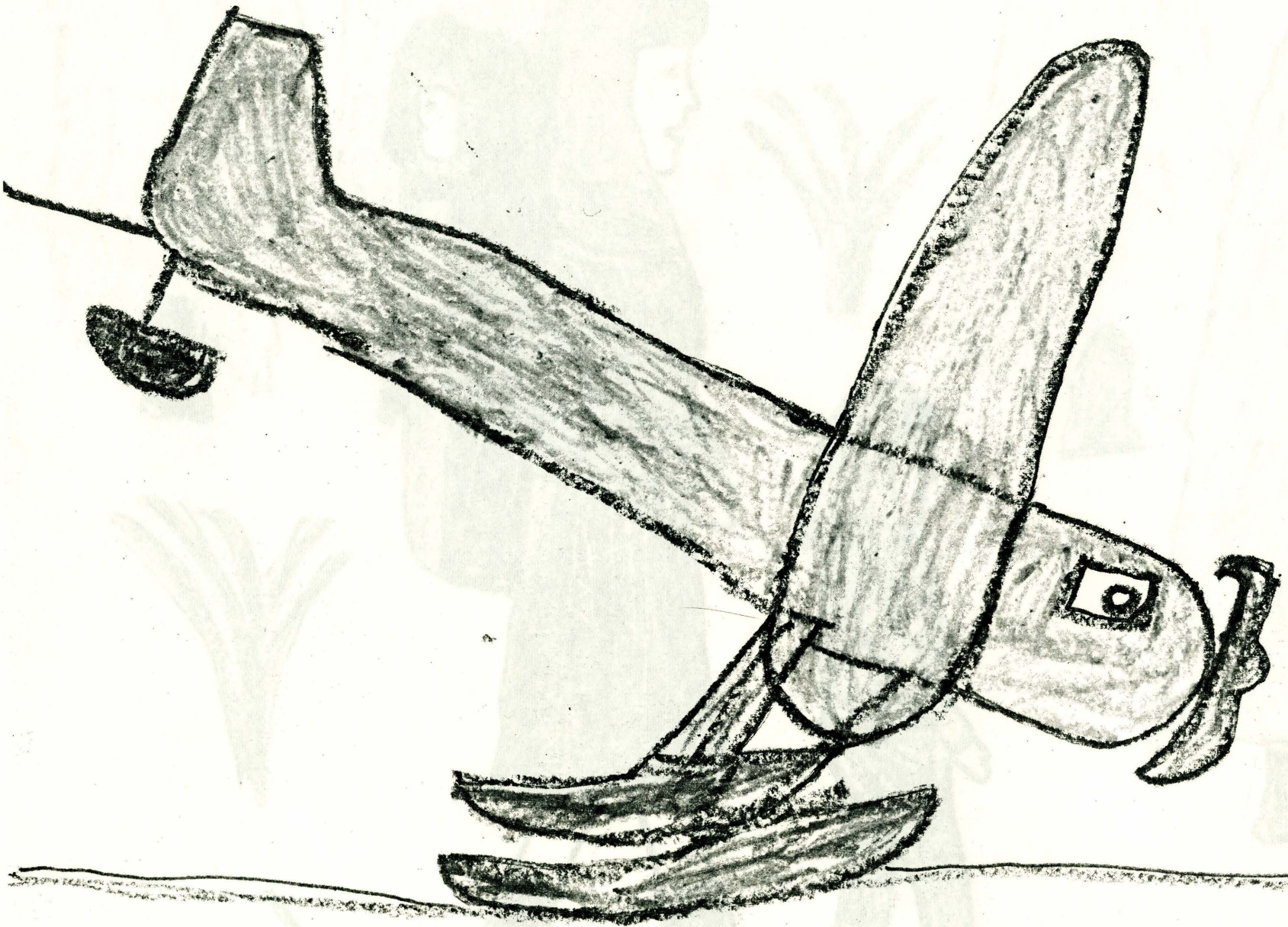
On Wednesday afternoon we want to go back in Wunnumin. When we starting to come home and some of the lakes are not break yet. Then some time we using dog teams. The ice wasn't very strong. On Wednesday evening we sleep in one island. Just we use one each blankets - that all we use to sleep in the night. Then we cooked the loon to have a supper.

On Thursday morning we are ready to go home. Then on lunch time we get on Wunnumin. And I wasn't go to school when I was get back. I was very so tired.



Katie Beardy

Homer



The green machine crash down.

## THE AIRPLANE CRASH

The green machine crash down. Henry and Kanita was in the plane. Airplane is not break too much, just legs and propeller. Everybody was scared. The propeller was bent. Skis are break.

The airplane crash on the ice. He broken his legs and propeller. The propeller was bent. Someone in airplane, one little girl, and Henry. Little girl name is Kanita. Kanita did not hurt and Henry. Everybody saw a airplane crash on the ice. Everyone scared and screamed. Everyone is not happy. There's water on the ice when Henry crash in to.

The airplane crash on the ice. Henry and Kanita are in the airplane. The green machine is break. They were bent the propeller. I am scared when Henry crash. They were break the leg. Kanita is not hurt and Henry is not hurt too.

The airplane wasn't crash at all. Henry wasn't hurt at all and the little girl didn't hurt too. The skis broke on the left and propeller just bent. The machine didn't break. So the men pull the tail at the end of the part and turn it around. It was all fixed and Henry went away and fly. The teacher was scared and some of the people.





Sarah  
Jane Angees - Age 12



Douglas  
age 12

## HOW WE CATCH ANIMALS

We use traps and wires to catch animals. First of all we get the wire from the store. We buy two or three rolls of wires. Then we go to the wood to set our traps. We use wires to catch beavers too. That way we could earn money. We sell the furs at the store.

To catch a mink an easy way we use steel traps. There is a chain to it. We could stuck a pole to the end of a chain.

Trapping bear once was hard work. They dug a hole in the ground. They cover the hole with sticks and leaves. That way they catch a bear. They do that no more. They just shoot a bear when they see one.

## MOOSE

We can kill moose with guns. Sammy can kill with his shot gun and he bring him home to eat him. He take the skin off the moose. He take the moose meat too.

- Lawrence Gordon

## MUSKRAT

Muskrat live in the round house. We can trap and shoot the muskrat. When we kill the muskrat we are happy. We eat the muskrat.

- Matthew

## BIRDS

The boys hunt birds. We saw birds in the trees.  
The birds are big. We see more birds. One boy  
has a gun.

## FISH

The fish is under the water. The mother and  
father go fishing. She got six fish. She  
eats all fish. The fish are afraid to catch when  
she is dead.

## SQUIRRELS

The squirrels are brown. The squirrels walk on the snow and the fathers set the trap. Some fathers shoot the squirrels. Some fathers and the other people have a snare.

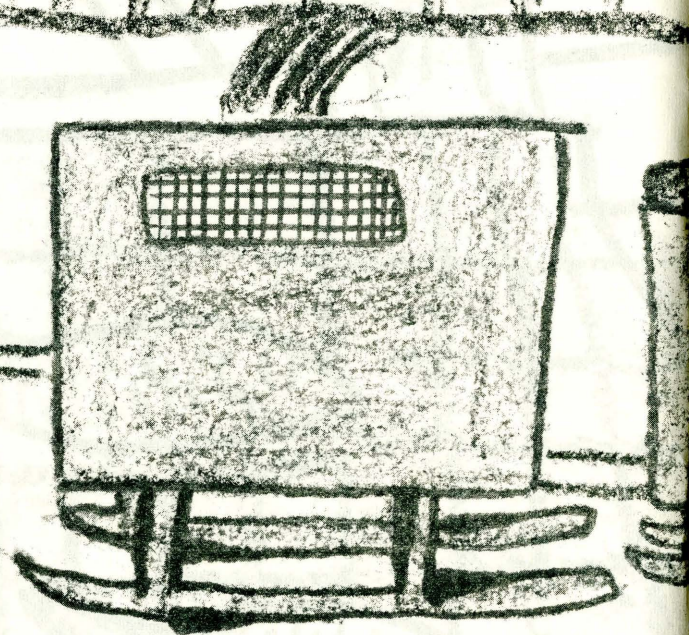
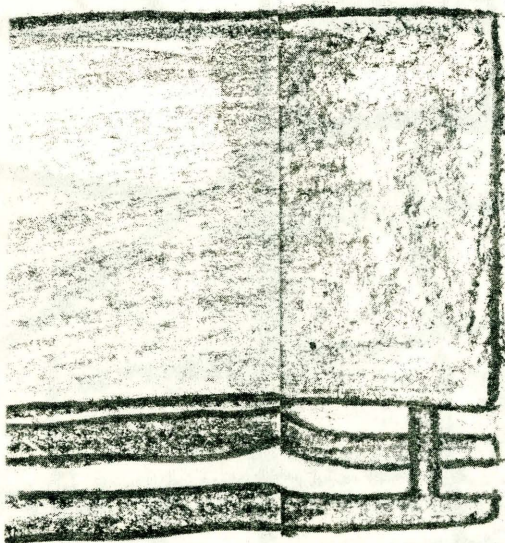
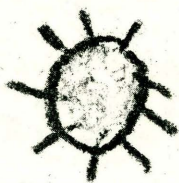
- Kathleen Semple  
Mary Agnees

## BEAVER

I am going hunting with my father. My father catch the beaver with a snare. The beaver is brown and black tail. Some beaver are little. I want to eat beaver when I catch.

- Dorcas





Cecilia McKay

Here come the tractors.



## HOW WE BUILD A HOUSE

We have to work with a nails and hammers and logs and axes and saws. The mans work the house to build the people to live. The one house build seven men work. The minister build a house to live. Everybody work the house. He make a moneys.

- Luke McKay

## THE TRACTOR

When I was out playing in the evening, Alec and his brother just came with the ski-doo. Alec and Lawrence and Luke were in the sawmill. They smash the trees down. The man got lots of brown things on his chin, and the girls think that was funny.

## SCHOOL

When we are going to school we learn something about it. The teacher talks something. The children learn something. When the children all coming in school some kids learn to speak. Some children will not talk when the teacher tell something.

- Cecilia

Our teacher works hard because the other teacher is sick. She have to teach in junior, senior, and kindergarten downstairs. She have a lots of work to do when Mr. Scriver is not here. We have to learn hard in our school. We have to do hard as we can do. We don't come to school when we are sick. We have to phone to teachers. We have three children missing in our classroom.

MAC

Mac was losted far away. That dog was Don's dog. Mac was losted two days. Everybody thinks Mac was dead. If someone found Mac he will get 5¢.

Don was so happy when Mac was found. The boys and girls were happy. We do not know who found it.

- Madelaine

## CHRISTMAS

At Christmas is dance. The snow falls down. At  
Christmas is holiday. I like Christmas tree.  
The boys and girls have presents. The school is  
decorated with paper. Santa dances with one  
girl. Christmas is Santa.

At Christmas is a party. Santa is kissing the  
girls. I like the dances and Christmas.

- Bessie

